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FYI,

Under the Water Sector in the forwarded e-mail below, an article on PFAS in Kalamazoo.

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Emergency Management

Gov. Snyder declares second disaster for Houghton County
(WSYM-TV)

Michigan: Gov. Rick Snyder Wednesday declared a second state of disaster for Houghton County after heavy rainfall and widespread flooding on July 12 caused damage to the area still recovering from flash flooding in June. This declaration will allow the state to make additional resources available and open the Disaster and Emergency Contingency Fund to provide more financial assistance. *"As Michiganders in Houghton County continue to recover from severe flooding, we want to do all we can to get the community back on its feet quickly," said Gov. Snyder. "While progress is being made in this situation, some of the local resources have been exhausted. This funding will help cover some of the costs incurred while responding to and recovering from this incident."* By declaring a "state of disaster," the state of Michigan makes available all state resources in cooperation with local response and recovery efforts in the disaster area as outlined in the Michigan Emergency Management Plan. Gov. Snyder's declaration authorizes the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) to coordinate state efforts.

Public Health

More Than 200 Cases Of Salmonella Linked To Backyard Chickens Reported In 44 U.S. States
(Milwaukee Journal Sentinel)

United States: More than 200 cases of salmonella across the United States have been linked to contact with backyard chickens, media reported Thursday. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced on Monday that 212 cases of salmonella broke out in 44 states and prompted 34 hospitalizations. No deaths were reported. Children younger than 5 years old made up 26 percent of the people reported sick from the bacteria, the CDC reported. More than 70 percent of those sickened said they came into contact with chicks or ducklings in the week before symptoms developed. The chickens came to backyard coops from a variety of sources, including feed supply stores, websites, hatcheries and from family members.

Water

Some Kalamazoo County residents urged not to drink water due to PFAS contamination
(WXYZ)

Michigan: Officials are warning residents of Kalamazoo County to stop using their water due to high amounts of the chemical perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) being found in the water supply of the City of Parchment. The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services department along with the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the City of Parchment and Cooper Township are advising residents using water from the City of Parchment's water supply to stop using it for drinking, cooking, making baby formula and food. That includes rinsing fruits and vegetables as well, a news release states. Boiling water will not remove PFAS, and common residential filters do not treat PFAS. Officials say touching the water is not a health concern, so you can bathe and wash clothes, just do not ingest the water or give it to pets to drink. Bottled water will be provided to residents affected starting on Friday, July 27. Those bottles can be picked up at these locations: Parchment High School, 1916 E. G Ave.; Cooper Township Fire Station #2, 3160 McKinley; and Parchment United Methodist Church, 225 Glendale Blvd.

A short-term solution is being activated within the next 24-48 hours:

1. The City of Parchment's water supply system is being drained.
2. Once it is drained, the City of Kalamazoo will connect residents on the City of Parchment's water supply to the City of Kalamazoo's water supply system. Residents will be notified once this occurs.
3. The City of Kalamazoo will begin flushing the City of Parchment's water supply system.
4. The City of Kalamazoo will continue flushing out the City of Parchment's water supply system until test results come back that shows the PFAS levels are below the health advisory level. We do not know how long this process will take, but residents will not be connected back to the City of Parchment's water supply until it is approved.

➤ **Additional Coverage:** 2 Michigan Communities Told to Stop Using Contaminated Water (US News)

Technology

Shoddy IT is Limiting FEMA's Ability to Respond to Disasters, IG Says
(Nextgov)

National: Longstanding technology troubles at the Federal Emergency Management Agency could get in the way of the organization's disaster response efforts as hurricane season gets underway, according to the Homeland Security Department inspector general. FEMA's outdated IT impedes the agency's ability to integrate systems across mission functions, manage disaster funds, share information with emergency management partners and coordinate disaster response efforts, according to John Kelly, the senior official performing the duties of the inspector general at DHS. The shoddy tech infrastructure creates numerous delays in day-to-day operations, Kelly said, and it limits how quickly the agency can scale up to respond to major disasters. Employees are frequently left to create manual workarounds to conduct critical emergency response efforts, a process Kelly said wastes "considerable" time and money. The Office of the Inspector General previously reported many of the existing issues to FEMA, but officials have yet to take action on the majority of the watchdog's recommendations, some of which date back to September 2005, just after Hurricane Katrina. "Major disasters over the past number of years exposed numerous limitations in FEMA's IT

infrastructure and system capabilities,” Kelly said in his testimony before the House Homeland Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications. “Until FEMA provides the IT systems and capabilities needed to meet the demands posed by emergency management, timely response and recovery from disasters will be hindered, increasing the risk of delays in providing disaster assistance and grants.” OIG attributes FEMA’s technological shortcomings to insufficient IT management. The agency is missing a strategic plan to guide IT programs and modernization efforts, and officials generally don’t know what technologies they have at their disposal, Kelly said. He added FEMA’s chief information officer doesn’t have the authority to guide enterprisewide tech projects and the agency largely lacks a governance process to guide IT acquisitions.

Regards,

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